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| For                   | : DEVICES FOR TREATING AND CONVEYING A )<br>STRIP OF MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR )<br>REGULATING THESE DEVICES ) |   |

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 (b) (3) the material as set forth on the enclosed PTO/SB/08b form is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

A Search Report was issued by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European application on November 18, 2005. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed. The one document listed in that Search Report, but not on the enclosed PTO/SB/08a form, is already of record in the subject U.S. patent application. It was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed with the application.

U.S. patent No. 4,725,050 is in the English language. No discussion thereof is required.

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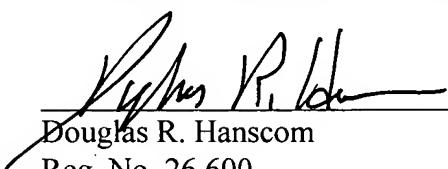
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Respectfully submitted,

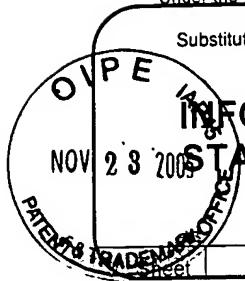
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